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State of Vermont By His Excellency
Moses Robinson Esquire 239: 19
Governor and Commander in Chief in and over
the State of Vermont
A PROCLAMATION
It being the indispensable duety of a community to
acknowledge their dependence on the supreme disposal
and Governor of all events, and humble themselves for their
sins under the rebukes of his righteous hand: and
particularly seasonable at the opening of the year. That
the people of this State should unitedly supplicate his blessing
of which their multiplied transgressions render them
unworthy:
I have thought fit to appoint and by and with the
advice of the Council, do hereby appoint Wednesday
the twenty eighth day of April next to be observed
throughout this State, as a day of public Humiliation
fasting and Prayer. And I do exhort both ministers
and people of every religious denomination to
assemble in their respective congregations on that day,
and with deep impressed contrition and penitence
of heart to confess their sins to GOD: and implore
the forgiveness of them, through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ our Saviour; at the same time resolving
by the assistance of grace not only to forsake them,
but to bring forth the positive fruits of a virtuous,
holy life. Earnestly beseeching him that he would be
pleased to withdraw vice immorality and error; that
he would for this end grant the special influences
of his holy Spirit, to convert men from the error of
their ways, and cause pure and undefiled religion,
to revive and spread through the land; that he would
build up churches in the simplicity, Scripture order and
fellowship of the gospel, and cause a spirit of mutual

love, forbearance and charity to prevail among the professors of our holy religion; that he would bless and render the institutes means of the gospel instruction, and grant to destitute congregations and churches faithful and able pastors and teachers; that he would bless and direct the legislative executive and judiciary departments of the State; that our rulers may be examples of virtue and piety to their subjects; that by a proper exercise of their authority they may be a terror to the wicked and the promoters and encouragers of virtue; that a spirit of union and obedience to the laws of the State, might prevail among all ranks of men; that he would build up and prosper seminaries and schools of learning within this State that our youth may be trained up to all useful knowledge. that he would prosper our husbandry, manufactures, and every branch of useful commerce, crowning for ever the years of the year in mercy; crown the year with health, peace, plenty and every needed effect of his goodness; save from drought, frost, insects and every desolating judgement; that he would remove every obstacle out of the way of the reception of this State into the federal union; that he would bless the United States of America, succeed their Councils at home and negotiations abroad; preserve and strengthen their union, bless their allies and render the connection formed with them mutually beneficial; that he would grant wisdom and counsel to their legislative, executive and judiciary departments; that he would prolong and render eminently useful the life of the President of the United States of America, and that he would establish and build up the peaceful glorious kingdom of GOD over all the World. Throughout the round all servile Labor and recreation is forbidden on said day

Given in Council chamber in Bennington the 31th day of March in the year of our Lord 1790. and in the fourteenth year of the Independence

By his Excellency's Command

Moses Robinson

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GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE.